

Saco Bay Artists

August 2019, Newsletter



Message from Kathy

Hello everyone,

Our July show was successful, and many people told me they had a very good show. The list of winners and judge's comments follow:

Ribbon winners, July 4, 2019, Pam Edwards, Judge

First: Russel Whitten and Nancy Kureth, masterful watercolors by Russel; Cheerful, creative acrylic and fabric pieces by Nancy Kureth

Second: Kathy Angel Lee, consistent artistic voice in a wide variety of pieces; great composition throughout

Third: Joe Cousins, carefully observed subject matter; communicates his love for place and love for his process

Honorable Mention: Sandy Katz, vibrant personality shines through all her work, be it "folksy" or political

Honorable Mention: Joe Rokowski, crowd pleasing subject matter with strong composition and interesting treatments

Honorable Mention: Courtney Anderson, airy, "beachy" pieces were perfectly displayed in her airy beachy set up

Bill Edmunds Award: Joe Barnett, brilliantly executed work in both traditional and experimental techniques

There was some discussion at our last meeting about the continuation of the Monday open painting sessions in our current location. David Steed offered to check with The Pines about availability of space. He will report back on his findings at our August meeting.

If you can, try to come to our August meeting. Our scholarship winner, Megan Bainbridge, will be at the meeting and she will share some of her artwork with us. She came to the July show and was very pleased about the scholarship.

August 12 meeting and program:

Richard Hamilton began painting 15 years ago when he noticed a young neighbor painting outdoors. It looked like such fun, so he purchased his first materials and has been hooked ever since. Inspiration often strikes during conversation or listening to the radio. "Someone may say a certain phrase or lyric and in my head I will say "That sounds like a painting!" Richard paints to make connections with people, and loves to hear how his work makes others feel. He fondly remembers one collector remark that, out of the 400 artworks in his collection, his piece sparked the most conversation. You can see some of his artwork at <https://www.ugallery.com/artist/rick-hamilton>

Exhibit Opportunity - Libby Library in Old Orchard

If you are interested in having an exhibit of your work at the Libby Library, contact Kathy at kathyangellee@gmail.com to let her know. There are two walls near the check out counter and also space in the community room. If you don't have enough work for a solo exhibit, two or more people could share the space. It's an excellent opportunity to share your work.

New Chairperson - Let's talk!

Please, won't someone contact Kathy about this important position? Thus far, no one has even ventured to ask about it.

As announced at the March meeting, Kathy will be stepping down as chairperson of Saco Bay Artists effective at the end of the this year, December 31, 2019. She will continue to manage the shows in Ocean Park which is a huge part of the chairperson's job. We will need someone to take over the other responsibilities beginning in January 2020.

If you are interested, contact Kathy at 207-937-2125 or kathyangellee@gmail.com to talk about the job. Thanks for your consideration.

Show Reminder

There are still a few openings for the August 31 show. The guidelines and application can be downloaded at <http://www.sacobayartists.org/>

There have been some changes in the guidelines, so read them carefully before sending in your application. There will be site changes because of the gazebo that's been built in the park.

We will have access to the gazebo - if anyone has a suggestion on how SBA can use this, please let Kathy know.

Random Notes from Elsie: I Must once again apologize for missing the last meeting that was held in July. I have been homebound with a back problem for several weeks, however, I seem to be on the mend and look forward to the upcoming SBA meeting August 12.

Portrait painting/sketching sessions: Libby Library, Old Orchard Beach, will take a break for the summer. Watch for the new Fall sessions.

The Oil Pastel Society of Maine meets the third Monday of the month at the McArthur Library on Main Street in Biddeford from 1-3pm.

Following are lists of officers, painting dates, meeting dates and our demos scheduled so far.

Officers/committee chairs:

Chair - Kathy Angel Lee - Treasurer - Lettie Lemay - Show registration - Sandy Katz;
Demos/judges - Ellen Pelletier - Newsletter - Elsie Reese - Membership - Deb Eaton

Meeting dates/programs (so far) We meet at Saco Parks and Recreation, 75 Franklin Street, Saco, Maine:

August 5, 12, 19, 26 - open painting

August 12 - business/program meeting Noon to2:00. Rick Hamilton will present program.

September 9, 16, 23, 30 - open painting

September 9 - business/program meeting: Russel Whitten

October 7, 21, 28 - open painting

October 7 - business/program meeting: Susan Colburn Motta

November 4, 18, 25 - open painting

November 4 - business/program meeting: Susan Hannah

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - open painting

December 9 - holiday party

August 3 - 9-4, show

August 31 - 9-4, show

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